

**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DENTURISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, July 13, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.

Oxford Suites, 1701 E. Yakima Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901

On July 13, 2007, the Board of Denturists met at Oxford Suites, 1701 E. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, WA 98901. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Ford
Eric Hansen, Chair
James Henderson, Public Member
Bernie Kopfer, DDS
Samuel Whisenant

STAFF PRESENT

Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Support
Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney
General (AAG)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Fettig, Vice Chair
Dorothy Mann, Ph.D, M.P.H., Public Member

OPEN SESSION – Friday July 13, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Eric Hansen, Chair.

1.1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended. Item 2, Item 4, and Item 5 were moved to after Item 7.6. Item 7.6 Delegation of Signature Authority was added to the agenda.

1.2. Approval of February 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of February 16, 2007 were approved as presented.

CLOSED SESSION – Closed session was called to order at 11:25 a.m.

2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION EVALUATION CRITERIA FROM GEORGE BROWN

The board discussed the clinical examination evaluation criteria used by George Brown College.

OPEN SESSION – Open session was called to order at 11:42 a.m.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR RE-APPROVAL OF DENTURE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

3.1 The City College – George Brown

Samuel Whisenant, Eric Hansen, and Robert Fettig will review and present their findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

3.2 Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)

Samuel Whisenant, Eric Hansen, and Robert Fettig will review and present their findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

3.3 Bates Technical College

Samuel Whisenant, Eric Hansen, and Robert Fettig will review and present their findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

4. POLICIES

4.1 Examination Appeals Process

Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) presented the board with a draft of proposed changes to the current exam appeals procedure. After discussion of the proposed changes the board unanimously accepted the draft as amended. Mr. McCartan will bring the amended procedure to the November 15, 2007 meeting for final approval.

4.2 Recognition of Denturist Educational Programs

The board will evaluate the procedure at the same time as those members who are reviewing the schools to determine if the procedure needs to be updated or changed. Findings will be presented at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

4.3 Scoring for Clinical Examination

Richard McCartan, AAG presented several options to the board for their review regarding the exam scoring procedure. The Board will try the new exam scoring method in conjunction with the current exam scoring procedure.

5. HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Eric Hansen presented background information on an issue with Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and patient safety. After some discussion it was decided to continue the discussion at the November 15, 2007 meeting when Dr. John Davis, DDS from DSHS is scheduled to attend.

6. CITIZEN ADVOCACY CENTER CONFERENCE

The board elected to send Dorothy Mann, Ph.D, M.P.H., public member, to the conference in Seattle. If she can not attend James Henderson will attend. The attending public member will report to the board at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1 Budget and graphs

Ms. King presented the Board with handouts detailing the budget from January 2007 to May 2007.

7.2 Consolidation of reference books

Ms. Pearson prepared information for the board on the number of questions per specific reference book. The board directed staff to continue researching a few of the questions to determine if they could be located in one of the other reference books. In addition staff will order "Laboratory Manual and Workbook in Microbiology: Applications to Patient Care." Staff will report their findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

7.3 Statistics regarding licensure (ASI)

Ms. King presented the board with information detailing the low number of denturists that have been licensed in the past seven months. As a result of this, and to aid in recruiting new licensees, the board directed staff to prepare a letter to the Washington Denturist Association stating their concerns regarding the low number of new licensees, future retirement rates among denturists, and how this may affect patient safety.

7.4 2007 Legislation

Ms. King briefed the Board on House Bill (HB) 1099 regarding dental assistants and expanded function dental assistants. She also briefed the board on Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1298 regarding dental hygiene in senior centers and in the schools.

7.5 Follow-up from previous board meetings

The board was given copies of the Open Public Meetings Act.

7.6 Delegation of signature authority

The board approved the Delegation of Signature Authority as presented.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. King updated the board on the new professions that have joined our unit and that there will be new staff added.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- John Davis, DDS will talk to the board
- Costs of the Oregon exam
- Information on a regional exam
- Update on reference books

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

There was no other open session business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Eric Hansen, Chair